

Application No. 09/579,294  
Second Response

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engaging projections provided on a carbon which was previously burnt at a high temperature, said engaging projections being engaged with engaging holes provided in said segments and integrally formed as one unit,

wherein tip ends of cut-rising pieces functioning to allow insertion of said engaging projections into said engaging holes but operative to prevent said engaging holes from being pulled out from said engaging holes are projected from peripheral edges of said engaging holes, and

said cut-rising pieces are brought into contact under pressure with peripheral faces of said engaging projections.

#### REMARKS

The specification is amended at two places to make clear that the engaging projections are inserted and engaged with the engaging holes. A similar change is made in the text of the substitute Abstract, and in amended Claim 1. This change corrects an obvious typographical error and is not submitted to enlarge or diminish the scope of the disclosure.

The Abstract is revised to remove stock expressions such as "... object of the present invention ..." and the like, and to remove reference numerals. As mentioned above, the error in identifying projections also is fixed in the abstract.

Claims 1-3 remain under consideration in this application, Claim 4 being drawn to a non-elected invention. No claim was previously indicated as allowable.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The basis of this rejection is overcome by the amended language of Claim 1, which recites